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U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE NAMES REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR GREAT LAKES REGION

Harvey K. Nelson, 54, has been appointed Regional Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Great Lakes Regional Office, Director Lynn A. Greenwalt announced today. He succeeds Jack Hemphill.

Nelson will be responsible for administering the Interior Department agency's programs in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. Now serving in Washington, D.C., as the Service's Associate Director for Wildlife Resources, he is expected to assume his new position in mid-May.

Nelson is a native of Evansville, Minnesota, and graduated from Evansville High School in 1941. After serving with the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific from 1943-45, he entered college and received a B.S. degree in zoology and fish and wildlife management from the University of Minnesota in 1950. He earned an M.S. degree in resources development from Michigan State University in 1957 and has since continued graduate work at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

He joined the Fish and Wildlife Service in 1950 and worked on field projects in South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, and Michigan until 1957 when he was transferred to the regional office in Minneapolis. There he served as assistant regional supervisor in the Division of Wildlife Refuges until 1963, when he was appointed director of the Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center at Jamestown, North Dakota. He held this position until 1974, when he transferred to Washington, D.C., to serve as Deputy Associate Director for Wildlife. In February 1976 he was promoted to the position of Associate Director for Fish and Wildlife Resources. In December 1978, Fisheries Resources activities were set up under a separate Associate Director and Nelson continued as Associate Director for Wildlife Resources.

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